(b) No such case has come to notice so far.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

(d) Model Guidelines on the subject have already been provided to all State Governments for their reference.

Appointment of officials in VSNL

1647. SHRI RAJU PARMAR:
SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have appointed some tainted officials as Directors on the Board of Videsh Sanchar Nigam Limited (VSNL) against whom CBI/CVC inquiries are pending;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether clearance of the CBI/CVC was obtained prior to the appointment of these officials as Directors on the Board of VSNL; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor, and whether Government would rescind the appointment orders of these tainted officials and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) No prior clearance of CBI/CVC is necessary for appointment of ex-officio nominee Directors of the Government.

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1648. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV:
SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state: